Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2018 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 385						
Bill #: HB 73						
Document ID #: 939						
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT proposing an amendment to section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to terms of members of the General Assembly.						
Sponsor: Rep. Jim DuPlessis						
Unit of Government: City X County Unified Local X Consolidated Local X Government						
Office(s) Impacted: County clerks						
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional						
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing						

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 73 proposes to amend Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prevent Senators from serving more than four consecutive terms of office, not including partial terms of two years or less, and to prevent members of the House of Representatives from serving more than six consecutive terms of office, not including partial terms of two years or less, beginning with those elected in November 2018. HB 73 allows legislators to resume service in the chamber from which they were term-limited after two or more years have elapsed. The Act provides for the ballot language and submission to voters for ratification or rejection.

The costs of HB 73 to local governments due to adding a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal.

Section 256 of the Kentucky Constitution specifies that constitutional amendments are only added to the ballot for the general election in even-numbered years ("next general election for

members of the House of Representatives"). Therefore the constitutional amendment would be submitted to the voters in November, 2018.

According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting machines to 97 Kentucky counties, there are additional programming costs associated with adding a new category to the ballot on an already scheduled statewide election. For example, the cost to add a new category to the ballot for Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, with 291 precincts, has recently been estimated at between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and for Franklin County, with 44 precincts, the cost has been estimated at between \$1,250 and \$2,000.

Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

The Part II section above pertains to the bill as introduced and there are not any prior introduced versions of the bill to complete the Part III section.

Data Source(s):	Kentucky Associa Harp Enterprises	tion of Counti	ies; Kentucky County C	<u>llerks Ass</u>	ociation;
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